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SUBJECT: NAMRU-3 POLICY AGREEMENT

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EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OFFICER TELEPHONED NEA/EGY ON MARCH 5 TO INQUIRE RE STATUS OF NAMRU-3 POLICY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. DEPTOFF REPLIED WE UNDERSTOOD THAT, AS OF LAST SUMMER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIAIONS, WHICH WERE TO BE CONDUCTED ON OUR SIDE BY EMBASSY CAIRO. EGYPTIAN EMBOFF NOTED THAT LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY HIS EMBASSY IN FEBRUARY FROM CHIEF OF MFA DEPT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS SAYING THAT A PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO AMERICANS IN CAIRO (EMBOFF INDICATED IT NOT CLEAR WHEN AND TO WHOM), BUT THAT U.S. SIDE HAD NOT RESPONDED. EMBOFF WONDERED WHETHER WE COULD ASK EMBASSY CAIRO TO CONTACT MFA CHIEF OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (FOUAD BEDAWI) ON THIS MATTER. WE AGREED TO PASS ALONG THIS INFORMATION AND HIS REQUEST, ALSO COMMENTING THAT WE CONTINUED TO ASSUME NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN CAIRO. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS OF THIS ISSUE.

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